

This legislation would expand the responsibility of the Director of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for implementing Individual Plans of Habilitation from those individuals in or admitted to a State residential facility operated or licensed by the Administration, to those persons in or admitted to any facility operated or licensed by the Administration.

Currently, funding for the cost of residents in State facilities is borne by the State while funding for individuals in non-state facilities is borne by voluntary contributions of \$1.2 million and local funds of \$1.8 million.

The effect of this bill would be to shift the financial burden of the cost of habilitation services from the present joint efforts among State, local and volunteer contributions to one funded solely by the State. Furthermore, I am fearful that enactment of Senate Bill 335 would be interpreted as obviating the need for these other funding sources thereby increasing the total fiscal impact on the State to \$6.4 million in the first year.

I support the concept of individual habilitation plan development, but because of the potential loss of \$3.2 million in current local and contributory funding and the exclusive burden imposed on the State by this legislation of \$6.4 million given the fiscal position of the State, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 335.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 342

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Lyric Theater

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Lyric Foundation, Inc. to assist the Lyric Foundation, Inc. in the continuation of the modernization of the Lyric Theater, subject to the requirement that the Lyric Foundation, Inc. provide ~~up-to-a-certain-matching-fund-for-the-same-purpose-by-certain-dates,-providing-that-guaranteed-loans-shall-be-considered-as-part-of-the-required~~